

	6/21	6/28
Call To Worship	Dave Rogers	David Gulledge
Scripture Reading	Jake Garner	Ethan Boelsterli
Song Leader	Stan Mitchell	Charles Nash
Prayer	Rick Sharpe	Curtis Hurt
Preside Lord's Supper	Ray Russell	Brad Hopkins
Usher	Cliff Nash	Anthony Ravenell
Sermon	David Gulledge	Dave Rogers
Response Elder	Greg Nash	Greg Nash
Shepherd's Prayer	Jim Pelfrey	Tom Durden
Evening Worship		
Announcements	Dave Rogers	David Gulledge
Song Leader	Stan Mitchell	Charles Nash
Prayer	Greg Nash	Jim Garner
Sermon	David Gulledge	Dave Rogers
Lord's Supper	Ray Russell	Brad Hopkins
Prayer	Michael Boelsterli	Dennis Graham

Worship Assignment Coordinator for June: Steve Hopkins

**Communion Preparation**  
June - Individual Sets  
July - Individual Sets  
August - Individual Sets

**Nursery**  
(closed for now)

**Care of Building**  
16-30 Jack Sorrell/Jimmy Garner  
1-15  
16-31

**Media Center Helpers**  
21 Reggie Graham  
28 & 7/5 Brad Hopkins  
7/19 & 26 Zeke Poskevich

**Wednesday Evening**  
**Devotional**  
**Online**

**WATCH!**  
*The Fountain of Life*  
With Larry Acuff  
Saturdays at 7 am on channel 57

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Rick Sharpe, Campus Director

Assembly Schedule: Sunday	Worship Schedule:
9:00 am Bible Classes (postponed) 10:00 am Worship Service 5:00 pm Worship Service	Wednesday Evening Bible Classes are being conducted online only: Please go to <a href="http://www.fcoc.com">www.fcoc.com</a> for further details.

## POLISHING THE PULPIT

August 14-20, 2020

**PTP 20 is not canceled;  
it is simply moving online to PTP365.**

We plan to add more than 250 men's, women's, teens', and children's sessions to PTP365 and release them during PTP (August 14-20). Churches across the country can host PTP gospel meetings with one or two keynotes a night, families/individuals can watch sessions at home, or homeschoolers can access content during the day.

**In SEARCH of the Lord's Way**  
with Phil Sanders  
WUPA TV 69, Sunday at 7:30am

Elders	
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Jim Garner	(770) 461-3197
Greg Nash	(404) 455-1546
Jim Pelfrey	(770) 629-2061

Deacons	
Dennis Graham	Stan Mitchell
Eric Hagin	David Poskevich
David Hopkins	Anthony Ravenell
Hugh Kelly	Rick Sharpe
Andy Johnson	Jack Sorrell

### Our Mission Works

Graham & Elizabeth McDonald - Scotland  
Raintree Village Children's Home

Records You Made – June 14		
Bible Classes		n/a
10 am Worship	129& 60 Units online	
5 pm Worship	60 & online	
Offering	\$8,811.00	
Wednesday Bible Study	online	

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## Basic Facts from ... PSALMS, PART 4

by Dave Rogers

Some of the most precious words in all of the Psalms are surely those found at Psalm 103:8-10, which read,

*“The LORD is compassionate and gracious, Slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness. 9 He will not always strive with us; Nor will He keep His anger forever. 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, Nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.”* (NASB)

Had He dealt with us as we deserve, we should have no hope at all! In His lovingkindness, there **is** hope!

The 104th Psalm is often described as a poetic account of the creation, and in verse 33 we note the Psalmist's resolve to praise God for all He has done. Contrast this statement with the singing of the birds (mentioned in verse 12), and a very important point becomes obvious: Of all God's creation, only man is able to choose whether or not to praise God in song! He does not force such a choice upon us, but appeals to us to give freely that which He is due.

Psalms 103-108 all express praise and adoration for God. The 106th Psalm (starting at vs. 6) also tells the history of (national) Israel's chronic disobedience, God's patience with them, and His ultimate punishment for their sins. In Psalm 107, He is praised for His goodness in providing for mankind, and His people are urged to give thanks to Him for hearing when they cried out to Him. Psalm 108 begins with David's declaration that *“my heart is steadfast,”* an affirmation that stands in stark contrast to the to-and-fro behavior we saw in Psalm 106. Many sorrows and heartaches spring from a heart that vacillates between goals, and never settles permanently on dedication to God (cf. 1 Corinthians 15:58 & 16:13)!

In Psalm 110 we find some of the most profound theological statements in all the old testament, as David (by inspiration) reveals the relationship between the Father and the (pre-incarnate) Son, with the Father addressing the Son as *“my Lord”* in verse 1. Verse 4 anticipates the words of the Hebrews writer (Hebrews 5:6;

6:20; 7:17 & 21) in describing Jesus as *“a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.”* As those passages show, Jesus could never be a priest in national Israel (i.e., a Levitical priest), but the Psalmist here shows that it was always part of God's plan for Him to be (like Melchizedek) **both** a priest and king over His people.

The beautiful “praise” Psalms, traditionally sung by the Jews as they approached Jerusalem for holy days and feast days, begin with Psalm 111 and extend to Psalm 118. All these Psalms emphasize the people's responsibility to praise and honor God, and they declare His goodness and kindness to His people. Psalm 116:15 foreshadows John's words (Revelation 14:13) concerning the blessing of dying *“in the Lord,”* and Psalm 118:6 was surely in Paul's mind as he was inspired to write, in Romans 8:31-39! (Note also the words of Hebrews 13:6.)

The magnificent 119th Psalm is best-known to most bible students as the longest “chapter” in the bible (176 verses), but the diligent student should also know that it is arranged in 22 stanzas of 8 verses each, with each stanza corresponding to a letter of the Hebrew alphabet (a brilliant memory aid, to help in memorizing all 176 verses!). Each stanza emphasizes the high regard and respect we should have for God's word, and the power inherent in it to shape our lives in ways that will make us into the people God wants us to become.

The 127th Psalm affords us some very simple, yet great and important principles for the building of our homes. We will **waste** much of our effort toward building a “happy home” if we fail to include God in it (vv. 1-2), and children are the “heritage,” the inheritance or blessing, of the Lord.

Unity among brethren is the theme of Psalm 133, but it is important to note that **unity is from God** (James 1:17 & 3:13, cf. also 1 John 1:7): It is not something we create, but a blessing we enjoy by walking in God's way! **(Concludes, bottom of P. 2)**



DEVELOPING A MORE EFFECTIVE PRAYER LIFE

David Gulledge

Prayer is an awesome thing! I love the fact that we have a God who loves us and wants to listen to us. Whether things are going good or bad, we often want to talk to those who are closest to us. We talk to friends, spouses, family, or even pay to see a therapist. Sometimes we simply want to “get things off our chest.” Other times we may be seeking advice or just want others to know about what’s going on in our life. The great thing about prayer is that even when no one else is there to listen, God is. God has promised to never leave us or forsake us (Heb. 13:5). With that in mind, consider the first point:

**Pray to God.** You might say, “well of course I pray to God, how does this help?” I mean, when you pray, pray knowing that He is there. In Matthew 6:6 Jesus says, “*But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.*” We must realize that God is actually there. Praying is not talking to yourself or even out loud about your problems; Jehovah God truly is listening to us. Some say, “when I pray, God does not seem real to me.” However, it might be the case that God does not seem real to us because we do not pray enough.

**Pray expectantly.** James deals with this in James 1:5-7. James declares that an individual who prays while being doubtful is like a wave of the sea being tossed by the wind. Verse 8 goes on to say that this person is a, “*double minded man, unstable in all his ways.*” James would later say in 5:16, “...*The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.*” I must believe that. Why pray for God to heal the sick if you

do not believe that He can? Why pray for anything if you do not have faith that God can, if it is His will, bring it about? Jesus said it this way, “*Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them*” (Mk. 11:24). Prayer is powerful. God is powerful. We need to not only in the power of God, but also in the power of prayer.

**Pray sincerely.** A sincere prayer is living the way that we pray. It is hypocrisy to pray for the sick and never minister to them. It is also foolish to pray for the hungry and the destitute but never work with our hands to help them. Praying for the spiritually lost will not save them. We still have a personal responsibility to evangelize (Mk. 16:15-16) and to tell people the gospel. However, God is able to open doors of opportunity. Prayer coupled with action is powerful. When God opens the door, be prepared and courageous enough to walk through. It is not enough to pray for the things that we also must be doing. Prayer is not a substitute for work.

**Pray often.** Perhaps most Christians do not know how to pray because they do not pray often enough. The list of excuses is endless. “I do not have enough time,” “I do not know what to say,” or “I never think about it.” Prayer is like anything else. 1) You have to MAKE the time for it, 2) The more you do it the easier it gets, 3) We will always do what is important to us. Daniel was a man who prayed three times a day (Dan. 8:10). David prayed morning, noon and evening (Psalm 55:17). May we follow their example.

Prayer, like most things, gets better with time and practice. These are just a few recommendations on how to make your prayer life more effective when you go before His throne. It is my prayer that we fall in love with the God who loves us, and talk to Him because He listens.

Psalms (Conclusion)

He is the “Author” of man (Psalm 139:14), Who knows what is truly best for us.

Our hearts should truly be filled with awe and gratitude when we read the words of Psalm 145:8 and then think of how often we try His patience!

“The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.”

The Psalms conclude (Psalm 150) with the repeated exhortation to “Praise the Lord,” and this is, in the final analysis, the point of all the Psalms.



Thanks for your many acts of kindness during my illness, recovery and for your prayers and visits. It is wonderful to have sisters and brothers who love you.

Thank you!!  
Your Sister in Christ,  
Una W. Fortson

WELCOME, VISITORS!  
We consider it a privilege to have you worship with us today. Please stay for a few minutes after worship so we can get acquainted with you, and you with us. **Please complete an Attendance Card**, located on the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate. We have an attended nursery and a training/cry room available.  
*Today’s sermon can be viewed online by going to [www.fcoc.com](http://www.fcoc.com) – click on “live broadcast.”*


Family Matters

**Our Sick:**  
Jill Nash – Remains in ICU at Atlanta Piedmont after additional heart surgery, and needs our prayers.  
Jim O'Brien – Is recovering at home after gallbladder surgery, and is doing well.  
Lewis Armstrong – Is recovering from a heart procedure.  
Doris Buckner – Is home with Shingles. Send cards of encouragement.  
Denise Greene – Is home recovering from hand surgery.  
Hugh Kelly – Is waiting on results from a liver biopsy.  
Kathleen Garner – Is now recovering at home. Send all cards c/o of Jim & Sandy Garner, 183 Highway 279, Fayetteville, GA 30214.


**Members With Health Issues:**  
Ray & Barbara Cozart, Luann Rogers, Linda Howell, Jim & Allene Scoma, Wayne & Betty Jo Nash, Lewis & Linda Armstrong, Lucille Amon, RuPearl Sharpe, Hugh Kelly, Larry & Margie Fields, Harry & Mattie Williams, Paul & Decieta Lyons, Ray & Tina Russell, David & Sue Riley, Sally Wallace, Mary Lawrence, Joann Crook, Forest & Burma Chapman, Dennis & Marlene Etheridge, Jim & Sharon O'Brien

**Shut-ins:**  
Joanne Crook, Joe Clark, David & Jill Nash, Bernice Gillespie, Una Fortson, Equillar Butler, Frances Elder, Ruby Fowler and Jane Lankford  
**Our Missionaries and their families:**  
Graham & Beth McDonald, Victor & Esperanza González Geronimo, Forest & Burma Chapman & Scott & Rebecca Shanahan.

**Others With Health Problems:**  
Linda Hall (Charity Nash's mother), Lisa (Cathy Harris' friend), Whitnee Ricigliano (Lyon's friend), Doris Johnson (Wayne & David Nash's sister), Johnnie Ray, Maggie Mills (preacher's wife at Eatonton, GA), Mindy Sims, Alvin Elder (Decieta Lyons' brother), Mia Marques (Chrystine Fields' mother), Eddie Smith, Michael Williams (Steven's brother), Treston Hamilton (former member), Kelly Stoneheart (Etheridge's daughter), Phil Shaw (Catherine Kelly's cousin), Ruby June Cotter (Andrew Dalman's 6 month old cousin), Irving & Cornelia Rose (Larry's parents), Richard Oliver (Brenda Mitchell's stepfather), Lyn Launch & Aden Clarke (Jim & Sharon O'Brien family), Zane Canty (3 yrs. old), Marvin Cook (Jean Johnson's brother), Mary Mackie (Linda Johnson's mother), Nancy Ford (Joann Crook's sister), Lil Cauthen (Poskevich family) and Joe & Judy Hand (Scoma family).  
**(NOTE: Please help us keep this list up-to-date!)**

  
**For all members—new or old**  
We will be taking family pictures on the front porch after the morning service **June 28th**.

  
**Piedmont Road Church of Christ**  
Invites you to learn with Piedy and his pals  
**Vacation Bible School**  
June 17—August 26th,

  
Dear Fayetteville Church of Christ,  
I am sorry for the tardiness of this note, but I wanted to express our gratitude for allowing our family to have our mother’s funeral service in your building. We are very thankful for your generosity. We also want to thank you for the beautiful spray of flowers and the beautiful plant.  
During the uncertainty of the current time we are living in, being able to have her service there was a blessing!  
Our love, The family of Gloria Mitchell

Welcome to our Family!

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Please welcome our new families into our congregational family.

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